

1. (Thrice amended) A device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure comprising:

a body for engaging a support structure;

said body supporting at least one tensioner, said tensioner rotationally supported by said body;

said tensioner comprising at least one end;

a pawl supported on said body and rotationally movable to engage one end thereof with said tensioner;

a depression formed within and surrounded by said at least one end of said tensioner for rotation thereof;

said pawl having an engaging end perpendicular to said pawl, said engaging end further having a planer surface [[and said]] engaging said end and engaging an area on the surface of a portion of said tensioner, thereby blocking rotational movement of said tensioner in one direction.

2. (Original Claim) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 1 wherein said pawl is biased toward a position wherein said pawl engaging end is blockingly engaged with said tensioner.

3. (Original Claim) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 1 wherein said body is unitary.

4. (Original Claim) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 1 wherein said tensioner further comprises a substantially cylindrical surface having an opening substantially parallel to said axis of said cylinder for receiving an end of a flexible member inserted therein.

5. (Thrice Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 4 wherein said opening further comprises a widening of interior surfaces of said opening within said tensioner to accommodate thickened portions of said flexible member.
6. (Original Claim) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 5 wherein said widening of said opening is located proximate each end of said opening and at mid-opening.
7. (Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim [[1]] 2 wherein said bias is provided by a tension spring connected to said pawl.
8. (Twice amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 1 wherein said body supports a pair of tensioners for rotation [[, said tensioners rotationally supported by said body]].
9. (Original Claim) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 8 wherein said body is unitary.
10. (Previously Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 8 wherein each said tensioner further comprises a substantially cylindrical structure having an opening substantially parallel to said axis of said cylinder for receiving an end of a flexible member.
11. (Twice amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 10 wherein said opening further comprises a widening of said opening within said tensioners to accommodate thickness portions of said flexible member.

12. (Previously amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 11 wherein said widening of said opening is located proximate each end of said opening and at mid-opening.

13. (Previously amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 9 wherein said bias is provided by a tension spring connected to said pawls.

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